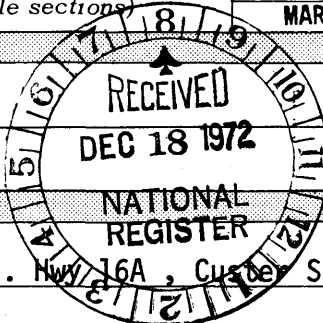


NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

STATE: South Dakota	
COUNTY: Custer	
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(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)



1. NAME

COMMON:
Badger Hole

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Badger Clark's Home

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
1 1/2 mile east of Legion Lake, U.S. Hwy 16A, Custer State Park

CITY OR TOWN:
(nine miles east of Custer) vic.

STATE: **South Dakota** CODE: **40** COUNTY: **Custer** CODE: **033**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
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<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Custer State Park

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: **Hermosa** STATE: **South Dakota** CODE: **40**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Register of Deeds Office - Custer County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
411 Mt. Rushmore Rd.

CITY OR TOWN: **Custer** STATE: **South Dakota** CODE: **40**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
South Dakota Historic Sites Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: **1968** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
South Dakota Historic Preservation Program

STREET AND NUMBER:
W.H. Over Museum

CITY OR TOWN: **Vermillion** STATE: **South Dakota** CODE: **40**

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Outside measurements 30 ft x 30 ft. Lower portion of building and the fireplace are constructed of native stone. The upper section is shingle covered. (brown stain) The roof is shingle, natural color. Windows and trim are painted white. The front porch is 30 ft x 8 ft. It is supported by two large log pillars atop massive rock bases. Rustic log railings. (The porch roof extends around a large pine tree.)

The entire area is shaded by tall ponderosa pine. The building is on a small hill above the road, with well graded foot path leading to it from the parking area. (the foot path is hard surfaced, the sides are lined with stone, and has rustic pole hand rails.)

Contents of the building include Badger Clark's personal belongings, his library, and all of the furniture, just as he left them - in perfect order.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

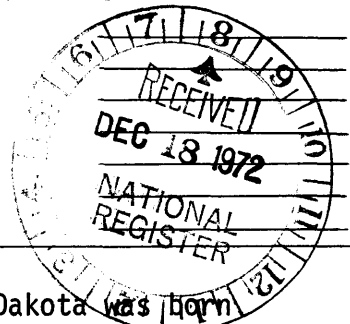
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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Badger Clark - past poet laureate of South Dakota was born in 1883 at Albion Iowa. He arrived in the Black Hills while still a small boy. His writing career began, when while a youth he was recovering from tuberculosis on an Arizona ranch. His mother had submitted one of his poems to the Pacific Monthly, for which the magazine paid Clark the sum of \$10.00. This was what he was looking for, a job without a boss and without hours. His health restored, young Clark returned to the Black Hills and leased a cabin site in 1910, in Custer State Park. He built a small cabin, which was his home while he was building the present "Badger Hole". In his free time he continued his writing career.

Clark did a professional job in constructing his home, being as meticulous in building as he was in his personal habits. One feature is the fire place, located in the main room. It is made entirely of white felspar, set in place with dark cement. Besides the main room, which houses the library and pictures, there is a kitchen (With an old wood range) and a modest bedroom. Badger scorned the use of modern conveniences, the building had no electricity, and he carried water from a spring.

A man of high ideals, he was able to express in verse his love of nature and mankind. Most of his poems were of the West, its creatures and its characters. Some were strictly for entertainment, the majority had a bit of his own personal philosophy.

Badger Clark died September 26, 1957 in South Dakota and the country had lost a remarkably talented and gentle citizen.

The State acquired the Badger Hole from Clark's heirs - on the condition that it be maintained as a museum. There is a possibility that the State Park will not be able to do so much longer.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"The Young Citizen Magazine", Oct. 1960
 "Rapid City Journal", Sept. 24, 1968
 "South Dakota Vacation Guide", 1971

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **Less than one acre**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Historical Sites Committee
 ORGANIZATION

DATE
12/4/72

STREET AND NUMBER:
Box 27
Custer
 CITY OR TOWN:

STATE
South Dakota
 CODE
40

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name *James E. Gillihan*
James E. Gillihan

Title State Liaison Officer

Date 12-7-72

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert W. Utley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 3/7/73

ATTEST:
[Signature]
 Keeper of the National Register

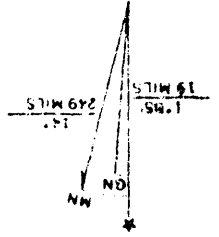
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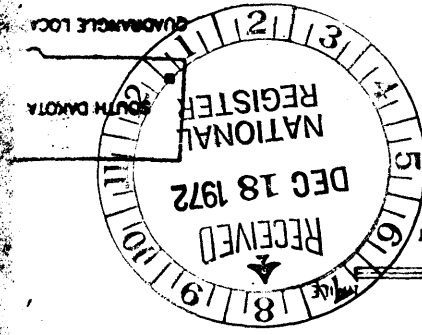
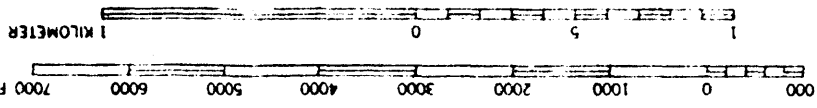
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